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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes Sir. The first proposal is not feasible as the level of the tank is 165 feet higher than that of the river at Tirupudaimarudur. The second had already been examined before and found not feasible since the scheme would be prohibitively costly and the diversion of supplies would adversely affect the tail end area of the Tirunelveli channel system. This position has already been explained to the hon. Member in a letter in January 1954."

Construction of a bridge across Vallam drainage vaikkal.

* 1052 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any estimate has been prepared to construct a bridge over Vallam drainage vaikkal in the mud road to Orathanad which takes off at or about the 12th mile in Tanjore-Vaduvoor-Mannargudi road; and

(*b*) if so, when the construction of the bridge will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Development of Beypore Port in South Malabar.

* 1053 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the steps taken so far by the Government in the matter of the development of Beypore Port in South Malabar?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The question of the Hydrographic survey of the minor ports in the State, including Kozhikode-Beypore, has been taken up with the Government of India. The report of the Dredger Experts of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, who recently visited the minor ports in the State, including Beypore is also under examination. The question of developing Beypore as a port will have to await the conclusions which will be reached on the matters mentioned. Every effort is being made to expedite those conclusions."

Opening of training schools in North Arcot.

* 1054 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KANNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many of the teachers working in the schools in North Arcot district are trained and how many untrained; and

(*b*) if any untrained teachers are working, whether the Government have any proposal to open more training schools in North Arcot district to get these untrained teachers trained?